

to help schools maintain high-quality facilities that help students learn. I appreciate Chairman MILLER's commitment to work with me to ensure that we use some of this funding in support of our federal responsibility for federally-connected children. In my district, the schools in Harnett County and Cumberland County, as well as those in the rest of the state, are proud to be able to educate the sons and daughters of those who serve and protect our nation. However, the growth at Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base under the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process, threatens to overwhelm the school districts' already strained budgets as they work to make room for these students. We have a responsibility to help these schools, and I look forward to working with the chairman to support our military families.

Madam Chair, H.R. 3221 represents a significant investment in the future of our nation, and a historic commitment to our students and working families. I urge my colleagues in joining me in support of this legislation.

## IN REMEMBRANCE OF 9/11

**HON. BILL CASSIDY**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 22, 2009*

Mr. CASSIDY. Madam Speaker, as we reflect upon the eighth anniversary of the September 11 attacks, the Americans who perished that day, the Americans who heard the call to arms and sacrificed themselves to defend our lives and liberty, the sacrifice of Americans who remain in the line of fire and their families, let us reaffirm our commitment to Never Forget.

Scott Rogers, a constituent from Baton Rouge, penned the following poem in 2001. It is a tribute to the searing legacy of that fateful day and the values that guarantee we will overcome it.

## THE DAY LIBERTY CRIED

(By Scott Rogers)

It was just another Tuesday morn  
As people went their way  
The cars, the trains were bustling by  
Another working day

Although diverse with many faces  
These people shared one hue  
They lived together with Liberty

Under the colors Red, White, and Blue  
Liberty was the one thing they all shared  
They nurtured Her in their heart  
But little that morn did they realize,  
That their world would be torn apart  
Liberty was strong She stood proud  
But on this fateful morn She cried  
In horror She watched as evil attacked  
And so many innocent people died  
Liberty bowed Her head that day  
For She felt somehow that She  
Had allowed these acts to come to Her shores  
To the great land of the free  
But the evil that attacked Her  
Could not begin to understand  
That Liberty could not be destroyed  
Nor our great love for this land  
Those who tried to hurt Her  
Could not break Her soul  
And proudly we fought to rebuild what was  
lost  
Although heavy was our toll  
Each brick that fell was carefully removed  
Each victim we will always remember  
And Liberty is there to remind us all  
Each eleventh of September  
We will never forget, we must not forget  
Yes . . . Liberty did cry that day  
But we will never stop pledging "In God We  
Trust"  
Because? . . . We love this U.S.A.